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Concentration Camp

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the Russian-operated concentration camp at Sachsenhausen states that as of the end of April 1947 it contained approximately 15,000 internees, of whom 1,000 were women and 1,000 were adolescents. Most of the inmates have been held in the camp since the summer and fall of 1945. These prisoners are mainly former Nazis, higher government officials, and Army officers. Many of them were never informed of the reasons for their arrest.

2. Living conditions at the Sachsenhausen camp are extremely grim. The food is grossly inadequate, and sanitary facilities are almost non-existent. Religious services are forbidden, as are gatherings of more than four prisoners at one time. Informers are recruited by the Russians from the ranks of the less principled inmates, so that every infraction of the camp's rules is speedily detected and punished. The installation is surrounded by a wire fence charged with electricity. Watch-towers and bloodhounds complete the security facilities.

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